

**Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region
Executive Officer's Summary Report
April 7, 2022**

ITEM: 3

SUBJECT: Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2022-0003, to consider rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs), National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and associated Monitoring and Reporting Programs (MRPs) for the following Dischargers:

- Jackson Family Wines Skylane Barrel Warehouse, Order No. 99-37 and MRP No. 99-37, WDID No. 1B98080RSON
- City of Willits Page Property, Order No. R1-2017-0046 NPDES Permit No. CA0025143 and associated MRP, WDID No. 1B06008NME
- Ray's Station Winery (formerly Weibel Winery/Stimson Lane Vineyard), Order No. R1-2000-0081 and associated MRP, WDID No. 1B79056OMEN
- Coast Wood Preserving. Inc., Order No. R1-2004-0094, WDID No. 1B82051OMEN
- Gualala Community Services District and Sea Ranch Village Incorporated Sea Ranch Golf Links, Order No. 92-121, WDID No. 1B9202ORSON
- County of Sonoma, County Service Area #6 Sea Ranch North Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Facilities, Order No. 94-004, WDID No. 1B720190SON
(Nicholas Colbrunn)

BOARD ACTION: The Board will consider adoption of Order No. R1-2022-0003.

BACKGROUND: North Coast Regional Water Board staff manage approximately 174 active, individual WDRs regulating land discharges of treated domestic wastewater, commercial wastewater, and combined industrial wastewater. Staff also manage 36 individual NPDES permits that regulate discharges of treated domestic wastewater, commercial, and industrial wastewater to surface waters. Staff periodically review active WDRs and NPDES permits to assess whether a discharge permit, due to its age, new information about the discharge, or as a result of the promulgation of new regulations, requires revision or termination, or whether the discharge is more appropriately regulated under a different permit or local program. Based on a recent assessment, staff have determined that five existing facilities with six individual WDRs and their associated MRPs, and one individual NPDES Permit and associated MRP are no longer required due to applicability of new or existing General WDRs and/or because clean-up activities and discharges are no longer occurring, or separate facilities have consolidated their wastewater treatment operations and are now covered under one individual WDRs.

DISCUSSION: The changes to the regulatory coverage for the six facilities included in this Order are summarized below:

- **Jackson Family Wines Skylane Barrel Warehouse**, Santa Rosa, Sonoma County. This facility has been enrolled for coverage under Order No. R1-2016-0002, the Wine Beverage & Food Processor (WBFP) General WDRs, for their process wastewater discharge. Therefore, the subject individual WDRs (Order No. 99-37 and MRP No. 99-37) are no longer needed for the protection of water quality.
- **City of Willits Page Property**, Willits, Mendocino County. This facility was issued an individual permit, Order No. 2017-0046 (NPDES Permit No. 0025143), for discharge of treated groundwater which was contaminated with hexavalent chromium. The groundwater remediation is considered successful by staff and the groundwater extraction and treatment have ceased. During the term of the NPDES Permit, there were no discharges to surface waters (Darby Creek). The treated wastewater was discharged to a land application area on the Page Property.
- **Ray's Station Winery (formerly Weibel Winery/Stimson Lane Vineyard)**, Hopland, Mendocino County. This facility was enrolled for coverage under Order No. R1-2016-0002, the WBFP General WDRs, for their winery process wastewater discharge. Therefore, the facility's individual WDRs (Order No. R1-2000-0081) are no longer needed for the protection of water quality.
- **Coast Wood Preserving, Inc**, Ukiah, Mendocino County. Coast Wood Preserving, Inc., a private company, operated a wood treatment facility that was listed as a state and federal Superfund site and was issued individual WDRs Order No. R1-2004-0094 in 2004 that regulated facility operations and the injection of remediation chemicals into the soil and groundwater. The facility shut down in 2019 and the remaining contaminated soil was excavated. The soil and groundwater remediation activities covered under the existing individual WDRs are no longer taking place. This facility is still under active cleanup and investigation. Future remedial actions will be covered by the appropriate WDRs as necessary.
- **Gualala Community Services District (CSD) and Sea Ranch Village Incorporated Sea Ranch Golf Links**, Gualala, Mendocino County. Sea Ranch Golf Links is a privately owned golf course that receives tertiary recycled water from Gualala CSD for irrigation. WDRs Order No. 92-121 was adopted in 1992 that authorizes the reuse of the Gualala CSD tertiary water on the turf at Sea Ranch Golf Links. On May 4, 2020 Gualala CSD submitted a ROWD and a Title 22 engineering report to renew the WDRs and water recycling requirements. The ROWD and engineering report describe Gualala CSD as a master water recycler, therefore eliminating the need for separate WDRs for Sea Ranch Golf Links reuse of Gualala CSD tertiary water for irrigation.

Also, at the April 7, 2022 Board Meeting, the Regional Water Board will consider adoption of Order No. R1-2022-0004, which will set the requirements for Gualala CSD to be a master water recycler. If the new Gualala CSD order is adopted, Order No. 92-121 for the Sea Ranch Gold Links will no longer be needed for the protection of water quality.

- **County of Sonoma, County Service Area #6 Sea Ranch North Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Facilities**, County Service Area #6 (CSA #6), Sonoma County. CSA #6 is owned by the County of Sonoma and operated by The Sea Ranch Association. The wastewater facility is not in operation and the site only collects wastewater for storage in a pond, that is then pumped to Gualala CSD for tertiary treatment and disinfection, then stored and distributed to The Sea Ranch Golf Links for irrigation. WDRs Order No. 94-0004 was adopted in 1994 that authorizes the secondary wastewater treatment and disposal at CSA #6, and transfer of wastewater to Gualala CSD for tertiary treatment and subsequent use at The Sea Ranch Golf Links for irrigation. The temporary storage and transfer of wastewater from CSA #6 to Gualala CSD is regulated under the statewide Sanitary Sewer System General WDRs. Because the wastewater discharge to land at CSA #6 has ceased and the storage and transfer of wastewater to Gualala CSD is regulated under the general order, Order No. 94-0004 is no longer needed for the protection of water quality.

The draft Order was made available for public comment from December 17, 2021 to January 18, 2022. No comments were received. This item is uncontested.

RECOMENDATON: Adopt Order No. R1-2022-0003, as proposed.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

1. Proposed Order No. R1-2022-0003
2. Public Notice